## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SHINICHIRO KOGA ET AL.	)	-
	:	Art Unit: 2621
Application No.: 10/656,128	)	
	:	Confirmation No. 8649
Filed: September 8, 2003	)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS	)	
AND METHOD	•	November 25, 2009

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 25, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows, pursuant to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) which is filed herewith.